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SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banking

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....1,000,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman,
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Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
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GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

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GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

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Hongkong, 17th February, 1892.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....2,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£ 500,000

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Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street.
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BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells Bills of EXCHANGE, ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency business generally, on terms to be had on application.

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£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or at death if previous—may be secured by a payment at the rate of—

£ 7	7	6	(n.b.)	20
8	14	2		25
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NOTICE

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:—No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

GENERAL NOTICE

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TARIFFS 600,000, £855,333-13-6

RESERVE FUND.....£318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., LO YUE MOON, Esq., LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.,

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE:—8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

Intimations.

NOTICE

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL MEETING.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the Rooms of the Chamber, CRY HALL, at 3.10 P.M. on FRIDAY, the 8th April, in place of Friday, the 25th March, as previously advertised.

F. HENDERSON, Secretary.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1892.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE SHORT RANGE Subscriptions 'Handicap' CUP will be shot for TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at 2.45 p.m. Ranges—500 and 600 yards.

ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1892.

AN APOLOGY.

THE PROSECUTION OF THE OPIUM FARMER.

I BEG to express through your columns my deep regret that I should in a hasty moment, in consequence of my not being able to read or understand Chinese accounts, have commenced a prosecution against Mr. KOH CHENG SEAN, the chief manager of the late Opium Farm, with reference to the funds of the CHEANG TEK KONG SEE. A complete examination of the books and accounts have thoroughly convinced me that my suspicions were wholly groundless, and that there has been nothing whatever in Mr. KOH CHENG SEAN'S management of the business of the OPIUM FARM that is in any way reprehensible; and further, that he has all along been doing his best, honestly and faithfully, for the benefit of the CHEANG TEK KONG SEE.

I should be obliged if you would insert this letter in your correspondence column once, and afterwards as an advertisement for the period of one month, as I am anxious to undo as far as possible any injury I may have, through my hasty and unjustifiable action, inflicted upon Mr. KOH CHENG SEAN.

Your truly,

OH. TEK LEONG.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892.

NOTICE

THE UNDERSIGNED, having removed his residence to No. 90, WELLINGTON STREET, all CLAIMS against him personally, or against the CHEANG TEK KONGSEE (the late OPIUM FARM), as well as all papers and correspondence, should be sent to the above address.

KOH CHENG SEAN.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1892.

MISS STOLZ.

MANICURE, CHIROPODIST AND MASSAGE.

No. 8, COLLEGE HANGERS, Wancham Street.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1892.

REDUCTION IN PRICE.

NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

WATERBURY WATCHES

MOST RELIABLE AND ACCURATE TIME-KEEPERS.

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Is now offered for 3 dollars 50 cents each.

GENTLEMEN'S J SERIES @ \$4.75 EACH.

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MISSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, & Co., Ltd., 10, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891.

SIEN TING.

SURGEON DENTIST.

No. 10, D'ARQUER STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1892.

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP

AND MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI FONG, Surgeon Dentist.

(Formerly attached to the Government, and latterly assistant to Dr. ROBERTSON.)

HAS REMOVED TO THE BANK BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD.

(Above Messrs. Danks, Ross & Co., Ltd.)

CONSULTATION FREE.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1891.

Intimations.

W. POWELL & CO.

NEWEST SHAPES IN GENTLEMEN'S

FELT AND STRAW HATS.

TIES, SCARVES, COLLARS, SHIRTS, VESTS, SOCKS, DRAWERS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1892.

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kreanila"—A. B. C. Code.

TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjacent to the Hotel, and is under the same Management.

The WINES AND SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER, Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

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FOR SALE.

HOUSE LAMPS, STREET LAMPS, VERANDAH LAMPS, SHIPS' LAMPS, CHANDELIERS, 3, 4 or 5-Light, Single and Double BRACKET LAMPS, TABLE LAMPS, READING LAMPS, BEDROOM & NURSERY LAMPS, WINDPROOF LAMPS, SAFETY LAMPS, SHIP'S SALOON, CABIN, ENGINE ROOM and BULKHEAD LAMPS, SPECIAL CARGO LAMPS, CHAIR LAMPS, CARRIAGE and JINKS LAMPS, HAND LAMPS and LANTERNS, GLOBES, CHIMNEYS, WICKS, SPARE BURNERS, FOUNTAINS, &c.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1892.

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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS. AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS. SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, select but inexpensive variety. SPORTING GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS and AMMUNITION. PORPOISE—ID. DARK TAN RUSSIA-LEATHER & ENGLISH-CALF BOOTS & SHOES. SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL, ELECTRICAL and ENGINEERING. SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS and DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

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FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS, and Commission Agents.

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE?

As an excellent Table Water? For General Debility? For Dyspepsia? For Gout? For Rheumatism? For a Nerve Tonic? For Biliousness after Excesses in Eating or Drinking? With Claret? With Wine?

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1892.

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HAVE JUST LANDED IN SPENDID CONDITION:—

CIGARETTES.

"THREE CASTLE" CIGARETTES in patent air-tight tins of 50.

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

KINNEY'S STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES.

WILKS' "FIRE FLY" CIGARETTES.

And our own special well-known brands.

HAPPY THOUGHT STAR MIXTURE.

ALL our TOBACCOS and CIGARETTES are guaranteed absolutely fresh and will be exchanged if found otherwise.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1892.

Intimations.

GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, at Noon, on FRIDAY, the 1st April, 1892, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th March to 1st April inclusive.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1892.

THE SHAMEEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Shameen Hotel and Land Company Limited, will be held at the Company's Office 5, Pedder's Wharf, on MONDAY, the 4th day of April, 1892, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the following resolutions will be proposed:

Should the resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as special Resolutions at a second Extraordinary Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—That Article 86 of the Articles of Association be cancelled; and that there be substituted therefor the following:—

"86.—The number of Directors shall not be less than three, nor more than five."

2.—That Article 89 of the Articles of Association be cancelled; and that there be substituted therefor the following:—

"89.—No person shall be eligible to be a Director, unless he be the registered holder of not less than 25 Shares."

3.—That in the second line of Article 90 of the Articles of Association the word "Two thousand dollars" be cancelled and that there be substituted therefor the word "One Thousand Dollars."

4.—That in the second and third lines of Article No. 94 of the Articles of Association the words "The one third or other nearest number" be cancelled, and there be substituted therefor the words "the one Director."

5.—That Article 114 of the Articles of Association be cancelled; and that there be substituted therefor the following:—

"114.—The Directors may appoint any Solicitor or firm of Solicitors to be the Solicitors of the Company."

By Order of the Board, R. C. HURLEY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1892.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company, advertised to be held on MONDAY, the 28th March, 1892, will not take place.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., General Managers.

Dated the 24th March, 1892.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE

MR. EDMUND THOMAS HOND was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1892.

DEACON & CO.

Canton, 11th March, 1892.

NOTICE

I HAVE this day resumed business in this Colony as GENERAL BROKER and COMMISSION AGENT under the Firm or style of SOARES & Co.

A. F. J. SOARES.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892.

NOTICE

WE have this day authorized Mr. CARL WILHELM LONGUET to sign our Firm per procurator.

KRUSE & Co.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1892.

NOTICE

THE style of the Firm of POATE & NOBLE, DENTAL SURGEONS, has been changed to "Dr. J. W. NOBLE," and will be represented as under:—

JOSEPH W. NOBLE, Hongkong and Singapore.

HERBERT D. POATE, 35, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London, W.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1892.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1892.

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 28th March, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1892.

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the Victoria Preceptory will be held on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"THORNDALE,"

Captain Eberington, will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1892.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"THIRRE,"

will leave for the above place on the 2nd of April, at 10 o'clock a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1892.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME, AND TRIESTE.

Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA (SUEZ and ADENATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"BERENICE,"

will be despatched as above on the 5th proximo, at Noon.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

In the first place you state that Brown was about three stone heavier than Lee; that I believe, is false. Now, I wish to state that Brown's weight is 145 lbs. and Mr. Lee's weight within 15 lbs. of that appearance is very deceiving.

You also state that Brown's advantage in height and reach was tremendous. This is simply absurd, as Mr. Lee is fully one inch taller than Brown, and as for the "reach," Lee did not put up his "duke" as the sporting fraternity style it, in a very scientific manner or it would have been seen that in reach he is also more amply provided for than Brown.

In order to make no mistake it is probably better to remark that on the following day of the contest a number of gentlemen called on Brown to arrange a contest between Mr. Waters and himself. Brown accepted the challenge with thanks and everything seemed satisfactory; but what was our surprise on the following day to see Mr. Waters, the manager of the Circus, come to the ship and inform us that Mr. Waters refused to go on with the contest, for some reason or other.

I wish to state that Brown is open for a contest with any 145 lbs. man in this city for any number of rounds, or to a finish, for any amount from \$50 to \$5000. He can be heard from at any time, by writing or applying to his Manager, who remains

The same

U.S.S. *Lancaster*,
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1892.

In accordance with our established custom of allowing every man a fair hearing, we have allowed Mr. Mack of the U.S.S. *Lancaster*, full license in our columns, even although some of his comments and assertions are in direct contradiction to what we happen to know to be true. The references to what was published in this journal regarding the impromptu spar between Robert Lee, of Woodyear's Circus, and Brown, of the U.S.S. *Lancaster*, are not in good taste, nor were they called for by anything that appeared in the *Telegraph*. Brown is a powerful-built young fellow, who has evidently had some considerable experience in boxing contests, and we are surprised to learn (on Mr. Mack's authority, which we beg leave to doubt as strictly reliable) that he only scales 145 lbs.; but if this is correct we can only say that Mr. Jim Brown very much believes his appearance. Robert Lee is a slim lad, weighing we should think, about 8 st., and he never engaged in a boxing contest in public in his lifetime (the other side, however, all that is neither here nor there, and we now bring Mr. Mack of the U.S.S. *Lancaster* to hard-and-fast business with a round turn. Billy Waters will box Jim Brown to a finish for the \$500 Mr. Mack says he is willing to put up, and if Mr. Mack will call at this office anytime to-morrow and plant his "spoudiceus," they will at once be covered and satisfactory arrangements made for an amicable settlement of a little difficulty that is only being settled in the roped arena.—F.A. *Hongkong Telegraph*

THE "AVOCHIE" DISASTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

Hongkong, March 22nd.

News reached here by ship's boat at 11 o'clock this morning that the steamer *Avochie*, en route from Hongkong to Hongkong, had struck on Hinan Sho at 7 a.m. in a thick fog, and as the vessel sustained serious damage, Captain Rowlin immediately ran her on the beach in Hinan Bay, where she is now lying in 18 feet of water. The *Avochie's* draft is 21 feet.

I sent you a telegram at once, but the cable was broken, so my message was returned.

The German steamer *Ais* leaves here to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock to render any possible assistance to the stranded vessel. As there are 14 feet of water in the main-hold, it will involve a good deal of hard work before there is even a chance of getting the ship afloat, and of course, some considerable time must elapse before pumps, etc., can be procured from Hongkong. The cargo of coals (200 tons), and the greater portion of it will also have to be taken out, so the salvors have a big job in front of them.

The weather is very foggy, and nautical experts predict a heavy blow within a few hours.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR CHINA.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Mathews*, from Marseilles, March 6th.—To Shanghai: Mr. F. S. Deacon, Mr. Anton, Mr. P. M. Grant, Mr. W. K. Mr. and Mrs. Adler, to Hongkong; Gen. A. H. Gordon, Mrs. Gordon, To Saigon; Mr. Lemesse.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Yangtze*, from Marseilles, March 20.—To Shanghai: Mr. W. G. Gordon, Mr. J. H. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lord, To Batavia; Mr. and Mrs. McNeill, To P. and O. steamer *Ballaarat*, from London, February 18.—To Hongkong: Miss Lee, Miss Yates, To Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. E. Cardwell, Mr. Garnett, Mr. Eccles, Miss Garrett, Miss Haven, To Hongkong; Mr. J. A. Abert, Mr. H. D. C. Jones, Mr. J. D. Taylor, Mr. Ashton, Mr. J. P. Macintosh.

Per P. & O. steamer *Carthage*, from London, Feb. 25.—To Shanghai: Mr. C. A. Maitland, To P. & O. steamer *Farramouth*, from London, March 1.—To Shanghai: Mr. J. Welch, Miss Haven, Miss, To Hongkong; Capt. R. Murray Ramsey, R.N. and Mrs. Rumsey, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, Mr. F. W. Buxi, Miss Fleming.

Per P. & O. steamer *Thames*, from London, March 24.—To Hongkong: Mr. G. N. Price.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, March 4th.

The will of the late Lord Lytton ordains the compilation of a complete record of his Viceroyalty of India, to be based on documents in the possession of the family.

Lord Randolph Churchill has re-entered the political arena by the delivery of a vigorous speech at Paddington last evening, in which he attacked Lord Rosebery and the progressives on the County Council.

The election of a member of Parliament for Cheshire rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Frederick Hankey took place yesterday, and resulted in the return of Mr. Combe Conservative, by a majority of 1,500 votes over the Liberal candidate.

MARCH 5th.

The motion proposing a credit of £50,000 for the survey of a railway between Mombasa and the Victoria Nyassa was adopted by the House of Commons by a majority of 99, notwithstanding the opposition of Mr. Gladstone.

WASHINGTON, March 5th.

The Treasury purchased to-day 475,000 ounces of silver at 90 cents.

LONDON, March 6th.

In the divorce suit of Hurley versus Hurley and Menzies, the jury have awarded the plaintiff £1,000 damages against the co-respondent, Major Menzies of the Gordon Highlanders.

MARCH 7th.

The composition of the London County Council is virtually unchanged. The weakness

vote in a great measure aided the result, and many candidates were returned who are in favour of the landlord and the tenant sharing the rates.

The latest returns of the elections for the London Council show that the Progressives' majority is 60, being a gain of 30 over the last election.

The corrected returns of the London County Council elections give the Progressives a majority of 10 with a gain of 13 seats.

The death is announced of Sir William Gregory, the former Governor of Ceylon.

WASHINGTON, March 7th.

The House of Representatives has appointed three days, beginning on the 22nd instant, for the discussion of the silver question.

LONDON, March 8th.

The *Indian Officers' Bill* has passed through all stages in the House of Lords.

The annual report of the Inspector for Army Recruiting states that 35,000 men enlisted during the year 1891. The Inspector considers that 19 is the best age for recruiting. He strongly advises more gymnastics for recruits instead of the present monotonous drill.

The Treasury purchased to-day 492,000 ounces of silver at 90.75 to 91.00 cents.

In the House of Commons last night, Mr. E. Stanhope brought forward the Army Estimates. He said that the British Army in India and in the colonies was in a thoroughly efficient condition, and was the largest force that had been available since the Peninsular War. He was, he said, willing to consider the advice given in the report of the War Office Committee without deprecating or introducing an extensive pension system. The strength of the Reserve would, he said, reach 80,000 in April 1900. Referring to the defences at home and abroad he said that a vast improvement had taken place, and had been arranged for the proper defence of London. Mr. Stanhope dwelt on the success of the Lee-Mitford rifle and the use of smokeless powder, and referred to the improved barracks accommodation which had lately been provided. He hoped to the able shortly to provide soldiers with a free bath.

The British barque *Leviathan*, which was bound to Calcutta, has been abandoned at sea. 26 of the crew were rescued by a passing steamer.

MARCH 9th.

The Naval Estimates for the year 1892-3 were presented to Parliament last evening. The expenditure is fixed at 14½ millions.

In the House of Commons last night Mr. Curzon stated the position of the Reserve in India had instructed the Indian Government to remedy the disabilities under which Indian inventors are placed when the Patent Act is being amended.

President Harrison has sent the Ehring Sea Arbitration Treaty with Great Britain to the Senate without any recommendation as to its adoption. This is the result of a deliberate decision of the Cabinet.

FOOCHOW RACES.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1892.

The FLYWAY STAKES, of \$5 each, with \$5 added; for all China ponies; weight as per scale. Half a mile.

Titmouse..... 1
Patience..... 2
Wild Mint..... 3
Time 57½.

THE COAST STAKES, of \$5 each, with \$5 added; for Fochow and Amoy subscription ponies; weights as per scale. One mile.

Reindeer..... 1
Shoddy..... 2
Kylakin..... 3
Time 2:24.

THE AMOY CUP, (presented); value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile and a half.

Autocrat..... 1
Venture..... 2
Time 3:42.

THE YUENPOO STAKES, of \$10 each; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7½ extra. Seven furlongs.

Venture..... 1
Wild Mint..... 2
Wild Wood..... 3
Time 2:05.

THE JOCKEY STAKES, of \$10 each; with \$10 added for each starter; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners of any race 7½ extra, two or more races 15 extra; winners at this meeting 12½ extra; entrance \$5.

Reindeer..... 1
Yama..... 2
Time 1:42 2½.

THE AUTOCRAT CUP, (presented); value \$100; for all Fochow owned China ponies; weights as per scale; winners of two or more races at the Winter Meeting 12½ extra; entrance \$5. One mile.

Titmouse..... 1
Kylakin..... 2
Yama..... 3
Time 2:26.

THE RACING STAKES, of \$5 each with \$50 added for the first and \$25 for the second pony; for Fochow and Amoy subscription ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7½ extra. One mile and a half.

Shoddy..... 1
Kylakin..... 2
Ploughboy..... 3
Time 3:53.

THE NANTAI STAKES, of \$10 each, divided 70 per cent, 20 per cent and 10 per cent first, second and third pony; a forced entry for all ponies entered at this meeting; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Kylakin..... 1
White Heather..... 2
Woodman..... 3
Time 3:06.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH.

THE VICTORS' CUP (presented); second pony to receive third pony \$12½ for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 7½ extra; subscription ponies allowed 7½ lbs; entrance \$5. One mile and a half.

Wild Mint..... 1
Kylakin..... 2
Woodman..... 3
Time 3:50.

THE MINT STAKES, of \$5 each with \$50 added; second pony to receive \$25. For Fochow and Amoy subscription ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 10½ extra, two or more races 15½ extra; ponies that have never won a race allowed 5½ lbs. Previous non-starters at this meeting excluded. Three-quarters of a mile.

Baccarat..... 1
Kylakin..... 2
Reindeer..... 3
Time 1:47½.

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The post left, vacant by the death of Colonel Chow, late Commandant of the Shanghai city, is being temporarily filled by Captain Fu.

General Tan, of Sungkiang, passed through Shanghai city on the 17th inst. en route for Ningbo. His mission to that city is said to be connected with important business with the Viceroy.

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CHEROO.

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The weather here during the last few days has been intensely cold, and a strong north-west wind has kept the harbour so rough, that several steamers now in port have been forced to make a prolonged stay owing to the cargo-boats being unable to venture out to them. We shall gladly welcome the warm and sunny days when they do come, for the winter has been marked by the unusual severity with which one strong blow has followed upon the heels of another, so that we appear to have had, more or less, one long continuous cold during the past three months.

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